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Time for a Change

As I write this, the fall foliage is making its seasonal segue from scarlet to russet; soon the angular patterns of bare branches will take the place of the full forms of maples and elms. In a way, this shift in scenery parallels the focus of this issue of *Kitchens & Baths*: Creative uses of color and materials.

It's always been one of my favorite issues to plan and pull together. Sifting through locations, it really gets me thinking about possibilities—what if those blue cabinets were hickory? Could a section of the counter be zinc? Is that concretelike tile available with a glossy finish? How would the look of the sink area change if the faucet had an oil-rubbed bronze finish versus satin nickel?



Decisions like these are part of every new bath or kitchen design. Particularly with folks keeping a close eye on the checkbook these days, cosmetic changes present a good opportunity to put a fresh face on your kitchen or bath for less.

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LIGHT BOX

A pressed-glass pendant fixture by Tech Lighting, the Cube's 35-watt halogen lamp will brighten a bathroom or kitchen island. And it's a low-voltage energy saver, to boot. Available in Amethyst, Amber, Frost or Cobalt (shown). $144. *ylighting.com*.



MIX IT UP

Sheathed in wood, the Nottingham water mixer is an attractive alternative to cold chrome faucets. Available in two heights and four wood choices (7¾-inch-high model in common beech, shown). $809. 305-855-7710; *pscbath.com*.



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destination kitchen

The cooks may be on holiday, but this vacation-house kitchen never stops working

WRITTEN BY JUDI KETTELER



Dalia Tamari, owner of Dalia Kitchen Design in Boston, designed this kitchen to work with the open flow of a waterfront vacation house. Its wonderful openness makes it a popular hangout for family and guests during long, leisurely weekends, but pulling the space together proved to be something of a design puzzle.



Q&A

◆ WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST DESIGN CHALLENGE WITH THIS KITCHEN?

The kitchen is so open to the living and dining rooms that there wasn't much wall space to work with. Plus, all the windows took up more wall space. We really only had half a wall for storage, so we had to be creative with cabinets.

◆ WHY DID YOU OPT FOR SO MUCH WHITE?

The house faces east, so there's not a great deal of light. White cabinets and tile make the space feel bright. We had the cabinets painted on-site, so that we could match the white of the architectural finishes. We also used black strategically—for the countertops and the range hood—to help the white pop even more.

◆ THE KITCHEN FEELS LIKE IT HAS A MIX OF OLD AND NEW. ARE SOME OF THE PIECES ANTIQUE?

No. We wanted to keep the black and white from feeling too sterile, so we used a distressed finish on the chestnut floors and the tall kitchen cupboard. The island also has a black distressed finish. That's practical, too: A lot of people congregate around the island, so we wanted it to be able to take some wear and tear.

◆ WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THIS SPACE?

I love the feeling it creates: It's so open, and no one ever feels "stuck" in the kitchen. It's a vacation house, so the idea is for people to be able to gather easily. I also love that many of the pieces (like the island and cupboard) look like pieces of furniture. That helps tie the kitchen into the furniture pieces in the living and dining rooms. ◆





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women fancy filtered

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the multitasker's low-flow



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Selling Your House?

About 42 percent of potential home buyers say water-saving plumbing impacts their purchase decision.



CONSERVE AND PROTECT

Small steps to go green in the kitchen go a long way to help save resources for the planet, says Mary Jo Peterson, CKBD. Her tips for an eco-friendly kitchen:

✦ Select energy- and water-efficient appliances such as an Energy Star–rated dishwasher.

✦ Consider LED and fluorescent bulbs, which use 66 percent less energy than incandescent. (Or, with a redesign, add windows for more natural light.)

✦ Create an easy-to-use recycling center—a place in your kitchen where filling and emptying is a snap. (New options include a built-in chute for sorting.)

✦ Clear the air by using products and materials that don't emit VOCs like benzene or formaldehyde, and ask your designer to recommend sound-absorbing materials. ◆



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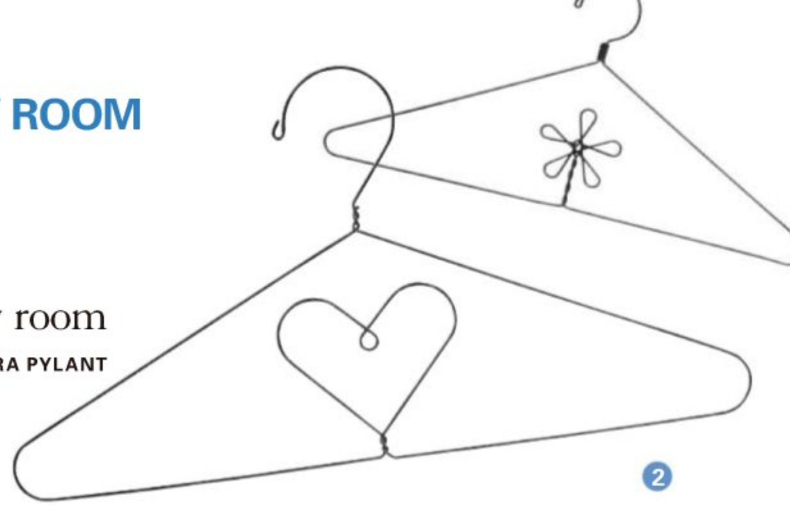
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tidy *tips*

Don't let a messy laundry room get you down. Amanda Sullivan, founder of The Perfect Daughter: Chaos Control, offers advice on how to sort it out.

- **SOAP BOX** Corral all of your cleaning supplies in a caddy and arrange them from left to right in the order you use them.
- **LOADED QUESTION** Do you really need to wash the jeans you only wore once? Save time and energy. Wait until things are actually dirty to wash them—you may find you can do laundry less often.
- **HANG AROUND** Store empty hangers in the laundry room. You'll always have a supply on hand, and you can rid your closet of extras.
- **SPOT TREATMENT** Sort clothes as they get dirty (use a hamper with multiple compartments). You'll be one step ahead of the game and less likely to have a pink wardrobe. ◆

countertops

WRITTEN BY JOHN LOECKE



HOT PICK
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Kitchen countertops must stand up to regular use and abuse—with style. There are many options, from tried-and-true laminate to natural stone, not to mention green choices, and understanding the pros and cons of each can help you decide which material is right for you. Here, a few things you should know to pick the perfect countertop surface for your kitchen.

LAMINATE

Think of laminates as the "white appliances" of kitchen counters. They're economical—ready-made sections can be found at home centers for as little as $20 per linear foot—and available in a wide range of colors and patterns that make matching other design elements easy. They are made from a thin polymer layer that's bonded to a ¾-inch plywood or particleboard base. In better varieties, the color runs all the way through the top layer, helping to conceal any scratches that might appear. Manufacturers like Wilsonart, Formica and Nevamar have improved the fabrication process so today's laminates have a more realistic look and feel and can mimic the appearance of metal, wood and natural stone. One drawback: Undermount sinks aren't an option. "There's too big of a risk that water will find its way under the counter and damage the wood," explains Ron Gagnon, vice president of design and marketing at Wilsonart. Cost: $15 to $50 per square foot installed.

SOLID SURFACE

Variety in color and texture (it can take on the appearance of natural stone) is the real attraction with solid-surface countertops, says Alan Hubbell, new construction marketing manager for DuPont Corian, a leader in the solid-surface category. Flexibility is another. The material, an acrylic or modified polyester resin, can be cut to just about any shape and can even be molded into sinks that are seamlessly one with the countertop. The downside is that it scratches easily, so you shouldn't cut directly on it and it's also not heat resistant. That said, because the material is solid (there's no decorative top layer as with laminate) scorch marks, scratches and other defects can be sanded out or

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repaired. Also, there's no such thing as a stock solid-surface top. Like natural and engineered stone, solid-surface tops are fabricated from slabs of raw material and must be professionally installed. Brand names include DuPont Corian, Avonite and Wilsonart. Cost: $40 to $75 per square foot installed.

WOOD

Wood is the original counter material. Oak, maple, cherry, walnut, teak and mahogany are all hardwoods favored for countertop applications; many designers and homeowners mix species for an eclectic, lived-in look. A new entry, bamboo, is an eco-friendly material that can be 25 percent harder than oak and 12 percent harder than maple. Wood countertops are not sold as solid pieces, but as segments that are glued together, planed smooth and sealed. How the wood segments are arranged and which grain of wood is visible helps determine the look. One of the biggest myths of wood is that it's not sanitary and promotes the growth of bacteria, but in fact wood and bamboo are naturally resistant to bacteria, says Paola Rutledge, vice president of Teragren's panel and veneer division. Wood, regardless of species, does have disadvantages. It requires regular applications of oil to keep it from drying out. Spills need to be cleaned up quickly, as standing water or liquid will damage the →

HOT PICK

Looking for a laminate that evokes the beauty of natural stone? Wilsonart's Passage Series is a collection of five high-definition laminate designs that feature a natural, aged stone look. Color choices range from soft sand tones to rich, moody blues and grays. From $25 per square foot installed. *wilsonart.com*.



wood and make it split or crack. Wood also isn't heat resistant, so it's vulnerable to burns and scorching. Stock wood tops are typically 1½ inches thick and 25 inches deep, and come in lengths that increase by one-foot increments to 12 feet long. The only limitation on custom tops is availability. Brand names include John Boos, Craft-Art, Teragren and The Grothouse Lumber Company. Cost: $45 to $150 per square foot installed.



HOT PICK

Available in natural or caramelized colors, Teragren's Bamboo Parquet Butcher Block is a natural fit for eco-friendly kitchens. Available in 30×96-inch or 36×72-inch slabs, the furniture-grade butcher block is 25 percent harder than oak and 12 percent harder than maple. Teragren butcher block is also relatively low maintenance, requiring only occasional oiling to seal and protect the material. From $22 to $28 per square foot uninstalled. 800-929-6333; *teragren.com*.

NATURAL STONE

The most common types of stone for kitchen countertops are marble, slate, soapstone, limestone, travertine and granite. Understanding a stone's composition and vulnerabilities will ensure a long-lasting fit in your home. Granite, composed of quartz and feldspar, is resistant to scratches and many chemicals. Granite also has the distinction of being a hot news topic, thanks to reports in *The New York Times* and other national media linking the material to radon, a tasteless, odorless and colorless gas that is dangerous in large quantities. But is granite really a health threat? According to Guido Gliori, vice president of the Marble Institute of America, it's not. "We've been studying the connections between radon and granite for more than 20 years and have yet to find any conclusive evidence that indicates that granite countertops are a health threat," he says. "The truth is, radon comes from the earth itself and when found in an indoor environment the cause is more often than not the soil, sand or rock underneath the home." Of course Gliori acknowledges that consumers may still be concerned and suggests two measures: Have your home tested by a professional (you can find out more about this on the Environmental Protection Agency web site, *epa.gov*) and know the origin of the stone you are having installed. "At present, none of the most common types of granite have tested positive for excessive radon emissions," he says. Marble, limestone and other "soft" stones are chemically more sensitive and will show wear. Marble can be etched by everyday acids such as citrus, vinegar and coffee, or stained by oils. With this in mind, Innovative Stone, a global natural stone supplier, fabricator and distributor, has introduced Everlife, a selection of granite, marble, quartz and soapstone countertops that have been treated with a proprietary stain-resistant treatment that penetrates the surface of the stone. Whether granite, marble, slate or any other natural stone, these countertops (including Everlife) →


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should be cleaned with hot water and a mild dish detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners and products containing acid, such as lemon. Costs for stone counters can vary greatly depending on the quality, thickness and availability. Once you select a stone, the fabricator will measure and cut the stone and finish the edges to whatever profile you've selected. Cost: $30 to $150 per square foot installed. Granite, one of the more popular natural stone offerings, typically falls in the $70 to $100 per square foot range.

ENGINEERED STONE

Made of a quartz-composite mixed with colored pebbles, polymers and epoxy, engineered stone countertops (think brand names like Silestone, Zodiaq, CaesarStone and Cambria) mimic the look of natural granite, marble and other stone surfaces. But unlike their quarried cousins, engineered stone countertops are not only stain- and scratch-resistant, they also stand up against hot pans and acids. "It's a good choice for homeowners who want the look of natural stone without any of the maintenance issues," says Peter Martin, director of marketing for Cambria, a Minnesota-based supplier of natural quartz surfaces. You should never have to replace an engineered stone top because of wear issues (it shouldn't crack or chip) and because the material is man-made, replacement matches are never a problem. Like countertops made from natural stone, engineered stone tops are cut from slabs of raw material and custom finished and installed. Cost: $45 to $95 per square foot installed.

CONCRETE

Of all the countertop materials available today, concrete is the most versatile. "You can grind, polish, stamp or stain it," says Fu-Tung Cheng, a Berkeley, California-based designer known for his concrete creations. That's because concrete countertops are made to order. As with any countertop, the fabricator visits your home and makes a template, but that's where the similarities end. Once the template is made, the fabricator creates a form, then pours your top. Because it's custom made, it can be colored any shade or even embedded with stones, jewels, fossils—almost anything else you can think of. However, by the nature of its makeup, concrete is porous and stains easily. To protect it, it must be sealed regularly. At an inch-and-a-half thick, concrete weighs the same as granite, but (depending on the design) unlike granite or any other material, it can require major demolition to remove it. Concrete also tends to evoke a modern appearance that may not be appropriate for a very traditional setting. Cost: $130-$175 per square foot installed.

METAL

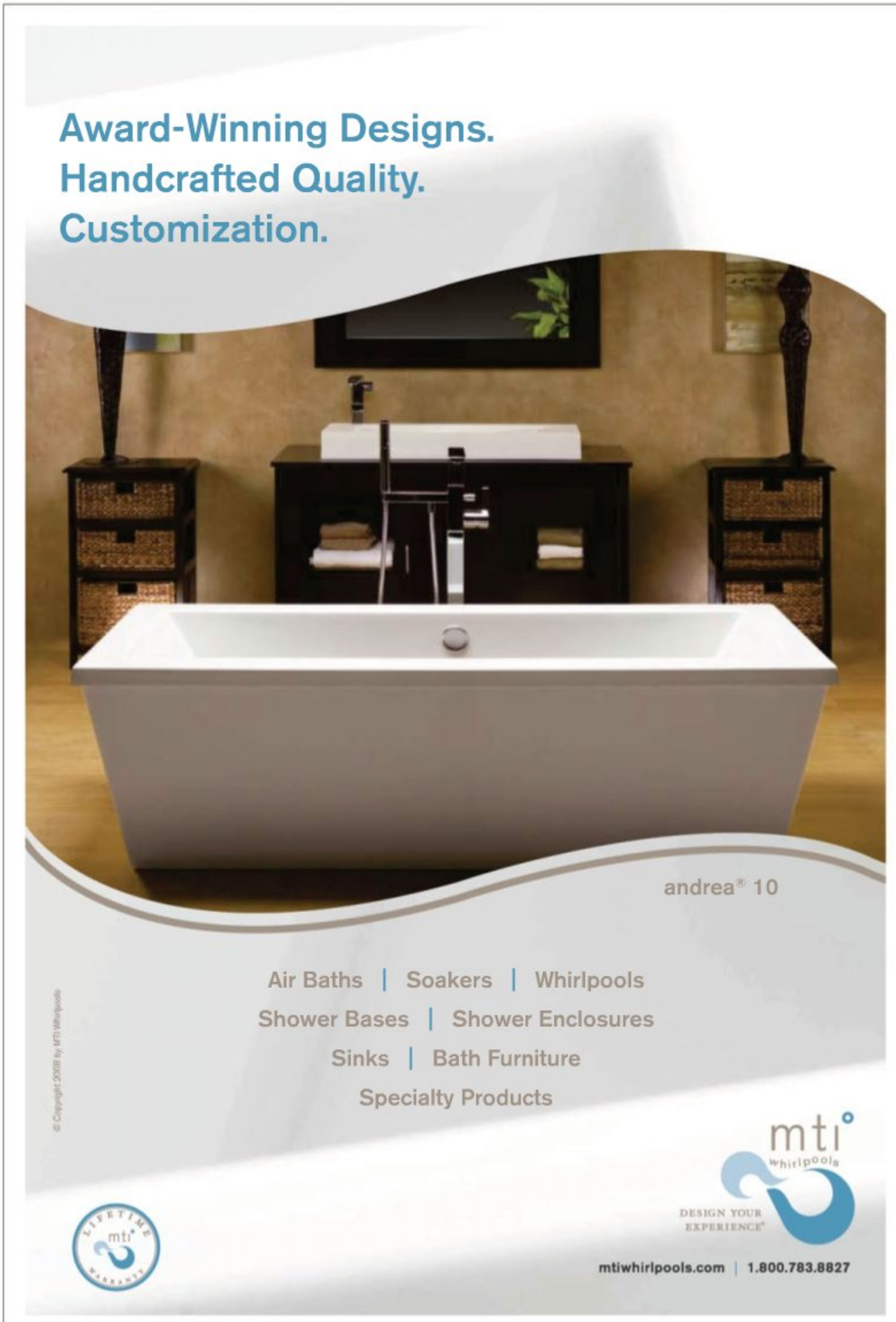
If you go for the industrial look that a material like concrete imparts, but want something a little lower maintenance, metal may be a good option. The two main choices are stainless steel or copper. Stainless, a favorite in commercial kitchens thanks to its hygienic qualities (it's nonporous so bacteria won't grow) and ability to take a beating without losing its luster, has become more popular in homes in recent years. The downside: It will show fingerprints and smudges



HOT PICK

DuPont Corian has introduced the Terra Collection, 25 solid-surface countertop materials partly comprising pre-consumer recycled material. Color choices range from Granola, a richly textured mid-tone yellow to Willow, a cool neutral with a hint of green. Like all solid surfaces, they're easily renewed and repaired. $40 to $75 per square foot installed. 877-229-3935; *corian.com*.

and it can be scratched. Like stainless steel, copper is nonporous and bacteria-free, and it has similar wear properties, but copper will oxidize, meaning that it will change color over time. The major difference between the two metals is in appearance. Copper offers a warm, traditional look, whereas stainless imparts a more contemporary feeling. Both stainless and copper appeal to cooks who want surfaces that coordinate or match their commercial-style appliances. Brand names include Metallo Arts, Frigo Design, and Handcrafted Metal. Cost: $130 to $200 per square foot installed.



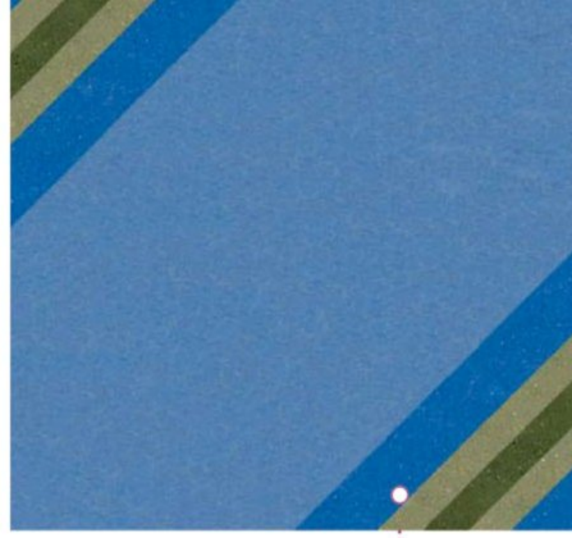
RECYCLED

Thanks to growing concern about the environmental impact of various materials, there's a increasing trend toward environmentally-friendly countertop materials. Add a dash of eco-elegance to your kitchen with a countertop made from recycled glass or paper. Ice Stone, a company based in Brooklyn, New York, manufactures slabs from recycled glass that have the look and feel of engineered stone. EnviroGLAS, which uses a mix of recycled glass and porcelain embedded in an epoxy resin binder, is another. If you want the look of laminate, consider PaperStone, a countertop material made by Klip Tech Bio Composites in Hoquiam, Washington. Here, you'll have two options: one made from 50 percent post-consumer recycled paper or a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified version crafted from 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper. Eleek makes custom tops from recycled aluminum. Origins, a Marquand, Missouri-based company, sells a polyethylene countertop material made from recycled post-consumer detergent bottles. Cost varies by material. PaperStone, starts at around $30 per square foot; Ice Stone and other recycled glass products start around $50 per square foot, installed. ◆

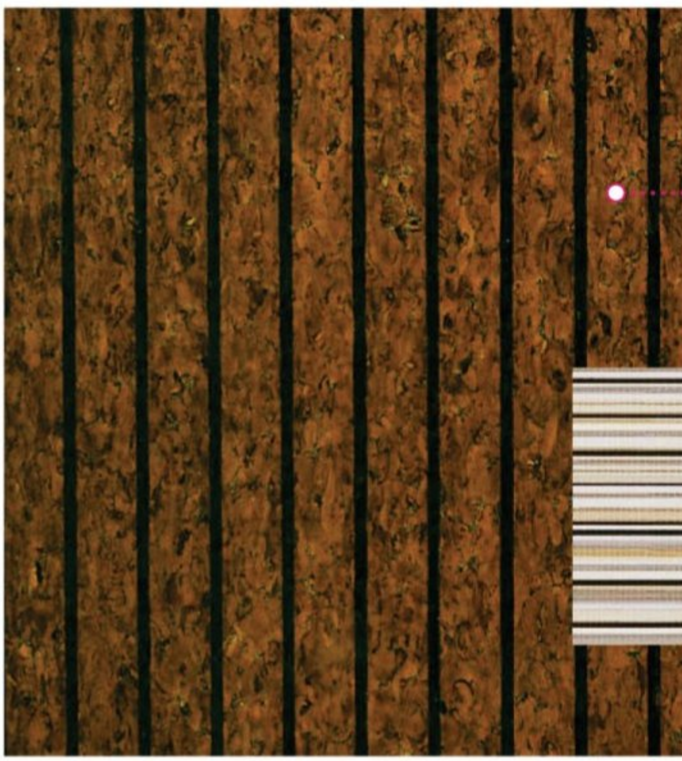
the perfect lineup

Bold, colorful stripes give tile a graphic edge

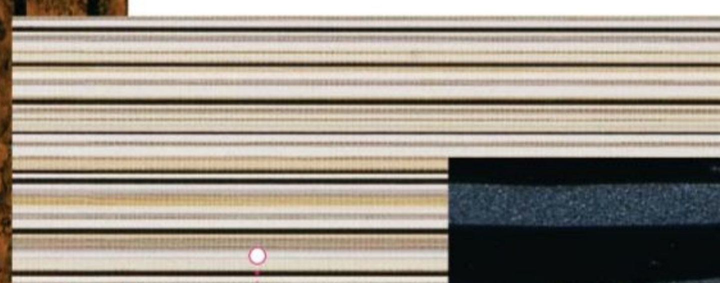
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BEACHY KEEN
Cabana-striped Cadiz tiles, from the decorative cement Echo collection, evoke memories of carefree summers at the beach. 10-inch square tile, $11 each. 213-482-8070; *granadatiles.com*.



SOFT LANDING
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NICE GOING
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Sky-high sloped ceilings elevate a functional space

WRITTEN BY RACHEL YOUNG

This kitchen, an addition to a 1920s house, stays faithful to the original style and proportions while introducing a winning sense of modern grandeur. Paneling the dramatic ceiling and painting it a lovely cornflower blue keep the scale from being overwhelming, while clever open storage accentuates the overall sense of airiness and utility.



LIGHT SHOW
A variety of lighting sources is key in a kitchen, and skylights flanking an industrial range hood introduce plenty of sun while serving as a focal point. Bright light cascades down the wall of gleaming white tile and illuminates the countertop work area.

PUSH AND PULL
Pullout drawers provide easy access to cookware and eliminate the dead space at the back of traditional base cabinets. Leaving the fronts half open is an appealing contemporary touch that echoes the open white shelving on the upper wall.

SHARP IDEA
Store kitchen tools where you need them most—pots, pans and spices by the range and knives and cutting boards near the prep zone. If your prep area is a cutting board, as with this butcher-block island, a knife block can be built right in.

IN YOUR CORNER
Open shelving means that beautiful, sculptural glasses and dinnerware get to double as artwork. Here, open corner shelving on an island serves as a display area for serving pieces. Adding wood at the edges gives the shelves a finished look.

light and lovely

Pretty details cozy up a large space

This charming kitchen has a lot going on: ceiling beams, arched French doors and a proliferation of cabinets styled to look like furniture pieces. Keeping the palette pale and soothing, in creamy yellows and whites, tones down the quirky detail and capitalizes on the natural light. Adding intricate trim and moulding to every spare space completes the antique look.



A GOOD ENDING ◆

A wide bank of cabinets with space on either side, home to a double oven, could look clunky along a long wall. Open shelves, with turned wood posts for structure, provide a soft ending to the furniture-like piece and help it jive with the rest of the space.

FROM THE HOOD ◆

A range hood is a necessity; when it's over an island, it becomes a focal point. A stainless steel hood would be a sore thumb in this kitchen, but the white-painted beadboard panels are the perfect camouflage.

STEP IT UP ◆

Pairing deep cabinets with shallow ones and adding work surfaces of different heights provides a lived-in look with lots of visual interest and varied depth of field. Stair-step counters can also comfortably accommodate cooks of any size, from tall to small.

STONE AGE ◆

Kitchen counters take a beating, and few materials can match the durability of stone. Natural stone, such as granite, has an organic, variegated look, while engineered stone, available in a rainbow of colors, has a uniformity that can be appealing. ◆



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ways to add cozy charm



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BATHS

1 **THINK FURNITURE.** Vanities that look like dressers, ornate wood-frame mirrors and upholstered chairs can give an intimate charm to the bathroom. Are you an avid DIYer? Retrofit a salvaged desk or farm table with a sink fixture.

2 **SKIP SLEEK.** Pass on brushed metal or clear glass storage accessories and opt instead for woven baskets or painted antiqued boxes to stash extra towels and toiletries.

3 **BE ARTFUL.** Grace the walls with groupings of art in delicate frames. (Although we don't recommend putting treasured photos or pricey items in a bath due to the potential for water damage.)

4 **WARM YOUR TOES.** Radiant-heat flooring not only keeps your tootsies cozy on cold days, it can also help lower heating bills. Check with a contractor to learn the options for the type and installation method that's right for your home. Baths are a good candidate for radiant-heat floors, since tile is one of the most efficient conveyors of heat created by a subfloor system. (Wood or laminate are okay too, but act as mild insulators against the radiant heat.)

5 **EXPRESS YOURSELF.** Have a small collection of vintage tins or ceramic vases? Displayed on a shelf they add personal flair and warmth to a powder room.

6 **Take the paper route.** In the bath, one roll of wall covering is often all you'll need. And don't worry about the damp environment ruining your wallpaper. Today's designs are made to resist humidity.



KITCHENS

7 BE DULL. Polished chrome and stainless steel are crisp and smart, but if you're going for a cozier look, turn off the shine and choose ceramic sinks, painted tile backsplashes and matte-finish faucets and cabinet hardware.

8 LIGHT THE WAY. Install dimmers in the kitchen. Good light is important for busy prep and cleanup time, but being able to lower lights creates a warm and welcoming environment for serving and entertaining.

9 TEXTURIZE WALLS. Suede and leather looks have a rich effect, and can be achieved easily with special paint or finishing techniques.

10 STEP ON IT. Wall-to-wall carpeting doesn't make sense in the kitchen, but rich wood-tone floors instead of linoleum or tile are a key ingredient to a warm look. Garnish with plush area rugs for softness (don't forget nonskid pads to avoid slips).

11 Consider cabinets. Opt for wood cabinets over metal or laminate. Look for stains and species with red or yellow undertones, such as pine or rich cherry. Mix and match wood tones for an even more welcoming look.

12 EMBRACE THE DARK (COLOR, THAT IS). On walls, try deep tones with lots of visual warmth: muted reds, Tuscan golds, and cinnamon browns. Even a simple shift from stark white to a honeyed ivory makes a huge difference.

13 GET SOFT. Offset a kitchen's many hard, reflective surfaces by including fabric wherever you can. Whisk slipcovers over plain chairs, add plump pillows to a window seat or spread a sumptuous table runner across the dining table.

14 COVER UP. Choose refrigerator doors and dishwashers with panels to match the cabinets, rather than bringing in shiny stainless appliances. ◆

out of the woods

Give your island a custom treatment with a little lumber

WRITTEN BY LINDSAY DAMAST



Tip Sheet

Don Conner, director of the National Wood Flooring Association Certified Professionals, offers advice on how to best approach this project:

- Start with a 4×8-foot sheet of cabinet-grade plywood cut to the desired length and width.
- Use ¾-inch-thick strips or planks for the top layer. Any hardwood will do, but softer species like cherry or walnut will show more wear.
- Glue the wood strips to the plywood, then screw each piece from beneath to create a tight seal. Attach 2×¾-inch facers onto the sides and round their edges for a finished look. Build the legs separately and screw the cross brace into the underside of the plywood.
- Cut holes out for the sink and faucet if your island has plumbing, and sand the entire piece before applying stain and polyurethane. Remove sink and faucet from the original island, then lay on the new top and reinstall the plumbing. Affix the wood with angle brackets on the four corners of the cabinet.
- Anchor the legs for stability by drilling dowel holes into the floor and underside of the leg or use a wrought-iron bolt from the top.

Add the warmth of wood to the blandest of kitchens and instantly double work and seating space by extending your basic island into a long and lanky wood counter. Even if your kitchen doesn't have tons of spare floor space, this hybrid counter/table unit creates a more open look and leaves plenty of leg room. With some plywood, solid wood strips or planks and the right stain, anyone can tackle this do-it-yourself project. Create drama by contrasting cream cabinets with rich mahogany accents, or opt for a more neutral palette. The bonus? Unlike stone or laminate countertops—once nicked, forever flawed—wood surfaces can always be sanded, stained and recoated with a protective layer for that just-built shine. ◆



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joy of cooking

For the food-obsessed, the kitchen is a lab

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH

Kitchens with lots of space and plenty of tools, all smartly distributed, make foodies happy.

For some people, a love of cooking develops into a passion and appreciation of everything food-related. They don't just like to eat, they hunger to learn the science behind cooking and the way to bring out the best flavor in, say, a cheeseburger. If their love of food were their profession, they'd be chefs, but instead, these enthusiasts are called foodies, and their kitchens are their culinary playgrounds.

In a foodie kitchen, "the single most important thing is the quality of the appliances," says Paula Wlaznak, of Adaptations, a design studio located in Bellingham, Washington. "Convection ovens are standard, and they might have warming drawers that a typical kitchen wouldn't have."

A lot of foodies prefer a gas cooktop for its easy adjustability. They know that electric ovens provide a more even heat, but they also know that natural gas produces a moist heat. Consequently, foodies might want two ovens: one gas, one electric. "If you're doing long-time cooking of meat, like a brisket, you want a low, moist heat," Wlaznak says. "But many people prefer electric ovens for baked goods. Crisp crusts and browning tend to be better in electric ovens."

Because foodie kitchens involve intensive cooking, the vent hood is very →

must-have

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important. "If you have four 15,000-Btu burners, you're going to need at least a 500 cfm [cubic feet per minute] hood—more if it's over an island," Wlaznak says.

On the other hand, the refrigerator doesn't have to be the most expensive model out there, Wlaznak says, as long as it has the capacity and compartments to keep food fresh.

To store dry staples, open shelves can be just the ticket, says Randal Sisk, of Kitchens by Kleweno in Kansas City, Missouri. "I find that real foodies are sometimes not the neatest people," he says. "They don't want to be cleaning their hands to open a door every time they need an ingredient."

Complicating storage is the notion that "foodies need all the tools. They have all kinds of gadgets and knives," Sisk says. Necessities include a food processor and a stand mixer. "Foodies also like different kinds of cookware for different types of cooking," Wlaznak says. "Enameled cast iron for long, even heat, and a grill pan for indoor grilling."

Pot racks, drawers with dividers, open shelves below an island and plentiful counter space can help accommodate this galaxy of gadgets. "You should put a pot rack over the main work surface, usually an island or a work table," Sisk says. He stresses that a good pot rack should include

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must-have

A *sharp* knife with a comfortable grip and proper weight distribution is essential for hard-core cooks.

Kuhn Rikon 6-inch santoku knife, $60. 800-662-5882; *kuhnrikon.com*.

down lighting. "The rack itself usually blocks light from the ceiling."

Another factor to consider when mapping out storage is garbage. A natural location for a waste receptacle would be where you generate the most kitchen trash, "which is usually between the cooktop and sink, or else near the sink," says Sisk. He also recommends a second trash can on the perimeter of the kitchen, where people can get rid of trash without bothering the cook—especially important in a foodie kitchen.

Sisk is also a fan of having three sinks: one for prep, one for cleaning and one that he calls a beverage center. "It might be closer to the breakfast nook or family room so you can get to it easily."

Wlaznak recommends high-quality stainless steel sinks (18 gauge or, even better, 16), with a brushed finish that doesn't show scratches. "You need either one very large sink or what's known as a sink and three-quarters, to handle the big cookware." An undermount installation is always smart, she says, "because scraps and spills can be swiped off the countertop into the sink."

No matter how many sinks a kitchen can comfortably handle, Sisk says, "a typical foodie kitchen has a disposer in every sink. I would say that's mandatory." Multiple disposers make every sink a prep sink—and make the kitchen more accommodating to multiple cooks. Sisk even goes so far as



Foodies like to focus on cooking, not looking for items. Open shelving and well-placed pot storage keeps everything within reach.

to recommend that a sink with more than one drain have disposers on both sides.

Foodies are busy cooking and learning (and eating); they don't want to spend a lot of time taking care of the countertop. That leaves out natural stone, which is prone to staining, but engineered stone such as quartz composite is fine, Wlaznak says. "Often, we put in two or three countertop materials," she says. "The only surface anyone should ever cut on is butcher-block."

Less expensive countertop materials can work well, too. Laminate is a low-cost option, though more prone to scratching and scorching. Solid surface is easy to care for and easy to repair.

The priority in a foodie kitchen—small or large, traditional or contemporary, top-of-the-line or bargain-conscious—is the cooking, not the decor. ◆



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Are Coloring Concrete Floors a DIY Project or Should I Hire a Pro?



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Determining if you can decorate a concrete floor by yourself

If you're considering coloring or otherwise decorating your concrete floor, there are a few things you should consider. The level of complexity of your project will mostly determine if it's something you should tackle or if you should hire a professional contractor. If you're determined to achieve a specific look, and you're not interested in trial and error, don't take any chances. A concrete contractor is more likely to be able to meet your expectations and the cost will be well worth it.

If, however, plans for your concrete floor are a bit simpler. Perhaps you're only wanting to add one color or to cover some imperfections in a pre-existing floor. There are numerous resources available to walk you through the process for staining or coloring a concrete floor. Although you should be aware of the types of products and tools that will be necessary. Acid stains can create fumes that you'll need to be concerned with. And the variety of other products on the market may require certain application techniques, etc.

Keep in mind that once you begin to color your concrete floor, there's no going back. Concrete cannot easily be ripped up and replaced. You don't get many second chances with concrete, especially if you've already applied a stain or some permanent coloring agent. If you decide to do your project yourself, be sure to begin on a sample piece of concrete. And remember, not all concrete takes to color the same, so your sample may not be the same result that you see on your final floor.

When in doubt, get some help. Contact more than one contractor so you can get various opinions on your project and more than one quote. You may be surprised at how economical your floor can be enhanced. And it's always more economical to do the project once (with a professional), than to try it on your own and have to replace or cover up your mistakes.

Get comprehensive information about coloring concrete floors at **Concrete-Floors.org**

rustic retreat

Judicious use of color provides the "pop" in a friendly farmhouse kitchen

WRITTEN BY RACHEL YOUNG

style notes

BEAM ME UP
A low ceiling becomes an asset when it's accentuated with rough-hewn beams. For a more modern look that still maintains the architectural interest, paint beams to match the ceiling.

COLOR WONDER
In a kitchen, temper bold color with natural, muted tones. Here, painted cabinets, a lipstick-red stove, and bright tiles add loads of personality, while wood tones keep things grounded.

WARM WOOD
Stone is often the countertop of choice, but don't knock wood. It works well with an antique aesthetic, is naturally antibacterial, and can be sanded to smooth out any dings or dents.

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SMART CART
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BACK IN BLACK
KitchenAid Artisan series tilt-head stand mixer in Onyx Black, $350. 800-541-6390; *kitchenaid.com*. ◆

style notes

RACK 'EM UP
For easy access to cookware, a pot rack is a utilitarian must. In this kitchen, a striking stainless steel model that incorporates three pendant lights is scaled to fit the extra-large island.

MIRROR IMAGE
The space above the range is a natural choice for a focal point, such as a tile mosaic. Here, a wood-framed mirror that reflects light—and gives a busy cook a glimpse of the eating area—is a fresh choice.

TALL TALES
Victorian homes often have high ceilings, even in the kitchen. Turn that height into storage space with an extra row of cabinets, perfect for storing little-used small appliances, seasonal dinnerware or serving pieces that aren't photogenic enough for open cabinets.



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in a vessel vein

An outpouring of intricate sinks brings style to the bath

WRITTEN BY AMANDA LUNDBLAD

With a panoply of styles, shapes, sizes and colors, vessel sinks continue to appeal to designers and homeowners. Manufacturers clearly are devoting a lot of energy to designing and crafting basins that are as much works of art as they are practical sinks. Furthermore, the variety and versatility of the products available can add panache to any bathroom. Here are but a few examples.

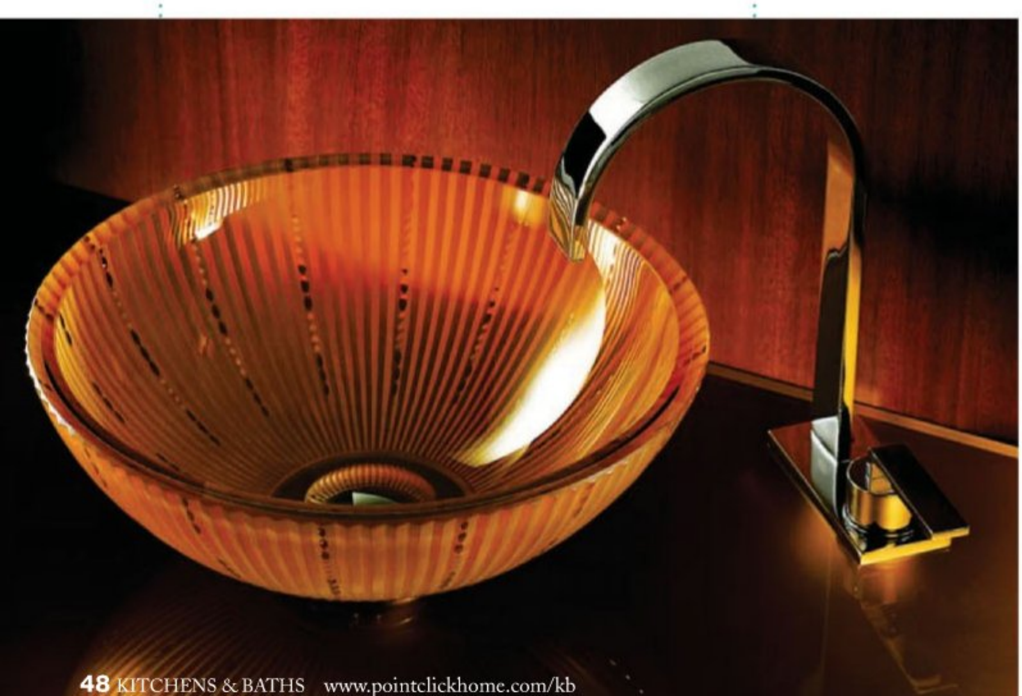
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THAT '30S LOOK

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GOING CONTEMPO

Supple lines and graceful curves highlight the Cascade from Wawirka. Mounted on a small conical foot, as shown, the sink has a sharp, contemporary appearance. The almost-19-inch-wide bowl is also available mounted on a rectangular tray that's a little more than 15 inches wide, which creates a more Eastern-inspired look. The sink is made of solid bronze, shown here in the satin White Bronze finish. Two other satin finishes are available, along with four patinas. $3,207 in the finish and configuration shown. 503-249-1642; *wawirka.com*.



SILKY SMOOTH

Taking cues from 14th century Chinese art, Linkasink's Cloisonne line is durable yet beautiful. To achieve the intricate design, the sinks are hand-crafted by melting each individual color of glass within a copper wire frame. After being polished smooth, the surface is as hard as porcelain and requires no special care. $1,650. 310-855-0485; *linkasink.com*.



BEAUTY IN BLOOM

True to its name, the Flora from Rocky Mountain Hardware resembles the outer petals of a flower in full bloom. The cast-bronze sink comes in a choice of nine hand-applied patinas, although the company highly recommends the light versions of both its silicon bronze and white bronze (shown). $2,322. 888-788-2013; *rockymountainhardware.com*.

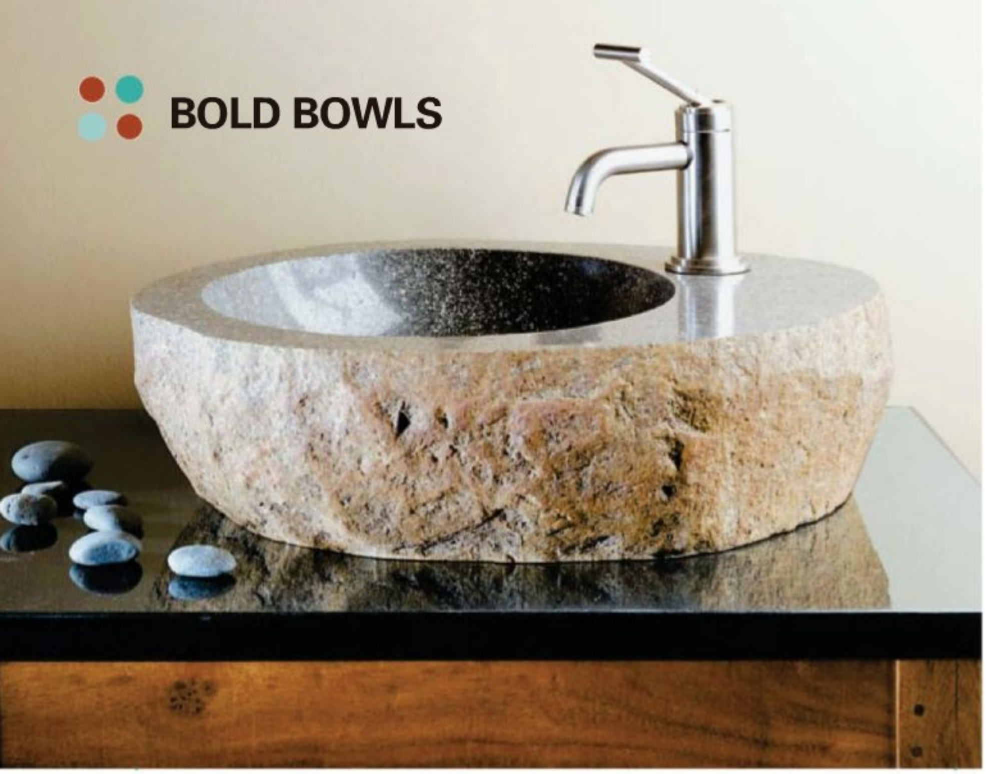


A SHOWSTOPPER

The Burgundy Ornate from Le Bijou's Sophisticated Crystal Art collection certainly lives up to its billing. The smooth lines add a touch of class, while the complex, hand-painted designs in vibrant colors give it an artistic flare. The inside surface is glass; the sink is painted on the outside, then sealed. $1,420. 310-834-8345; *lebijoucollection.net*.

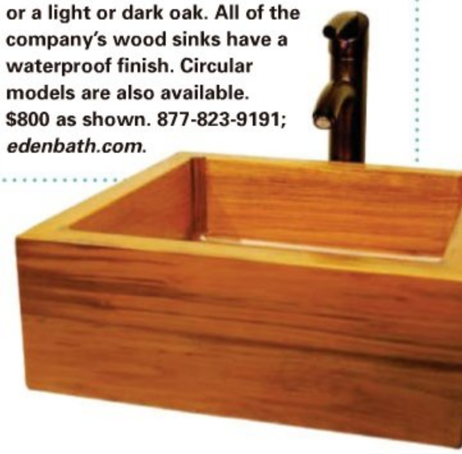
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3 kitchens get face-lifts

WRITTEN BY JEANNIE MATTEUCCI



BEFORE: The old 110-square-foot kitchen looked dated and had a poor layout.

AFTER: Now 200 square feet, the kitchen has a contemporary look and new appliances.

1 modern and sleek

When they started using duct tape to hold down part of their worn kitchen floor, Karen Burnett and Michael Knaebel of Sunnyvale, California, realized it was time to give the space a major face-lift. "We talked about just replacing the floor, but then thought, What the heck, let's just replace the whole thing," says Karen. The couple turned to architect and designer Trace Kannel, AIA, of Harrell Remodeling, Inc. of Mountain View, California, for guidance. "We wanted to modernize the appearance, unify the kitchen and adjacent family room and make a more gracious dining peninsula," says Kannel. A beam, some posts and a cramped breakfast nook were removed to open the space. Now, instead of vinyl with duct tape, the couple has a maple floor with a natural finish and a recessed black toe kick. "I just think it's striking," says Karen. "I love the light floor. It makes the kitchen seem bigger." Black counters with flecks of soft brown add just the right amount of drama to the room. Karen now enjoys spending time in her much-improved kitchen. "I think it's added a 'wow' factor to our home," she says.

IN THE DETAILS

- **CABINETS** Karen chose flat glazed maple cabinets with sleek stainless pulls. Inside, there's lots of specialized storage, including vertical dividers for trays and roll-outs for pots and pans in base cabinets by the cooktop. "The space above the fridge has a lift-up door cabinet to store infrequently used cookware," says Kannel.
- **DINING PENINSULA** The couple replaced the cramped breakfast nook with a convenient peninsula. It helps define the kitchen and has a high counter that hides dirty dishes from the family room. Open shelves on one side store Karen's cookbooks.
- **LIGHTING** Under-cabinet lights, recessed fixtures and four striking pendants—all on dimmers—provide just the right amount of illumination. A shifted and enlarged window over the sink, a smaller window to the right of the cooktop and a pair of French doors offer natural light.

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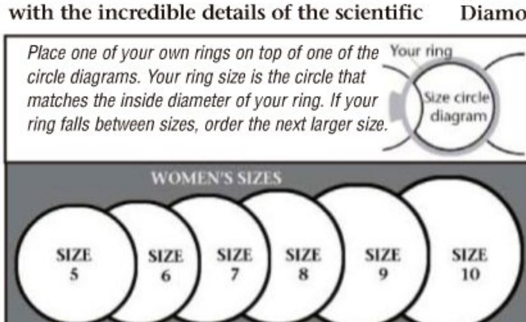
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2 gorgeous galley

The dated finishes and limited cabinet space in his town-house kitchen started to bother retired FedEx pilot John Sarachene of Gulf Breeze, Florida. "When the oven in my range went bad and I had to replace it, I decided I would just redo the entire room," says John. To give his 220-square-foot galley-style kitchen a new look, John hired designer Cheryl Kees Clendenon, owner of In Detail Kitchen and Bath of Pensacola, Florida. John found the dark brown 18×18-inch travertine tiles that set the tone for the rest of the project. Clear blond maple cabinets provide a nice contrast to the darker floor and keep the look light; glass cabinets were added around the sink for texture. Open shelves above a pass-through to the dining room provide easy-access storage. "They're really handy for my pots and showing off knickknacks, like my antique noodle cutter," says John. "I enjoy being there now," he says. "It's a nice room."

IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES** A large side-by-side stainless refrigerator was one of the appliance upgrades. A stainless dishwasher, four-burner range and a separate speed oven give John all the tools he needs for creating daily meals and special dinners.
- **BACKSPLASH** Although they were a splurge, the 6-inch-square soft, muted-green glass tiles used for the backsplash "give that extra punch and personality to the room" says Kees Clendenon. "The backsplash is a good place to spend your money in a face-lift," she says.
- **COUNTERTOPS** John chose a Tunis granite with green, black and brown tones for the kitchen counters. "Cheryl talked me into that and I'm glad she did," he says. "It's very durable and cleanup is very easy." Kees Clendenon likes how the dark tones of the granite anchor the cabinets above.



BEFORE: The old kitchen had off-white cabinets, laminate counters and all-black appliances. "It was a dated, very 1980s-type look," says designer Cheryl Kees Clendenon.

AFTER: Removing a soffit allowed Kees Clendenon to add taller cabinets and create more storage in the kitchen.







BEFORE: The island in the kitchen's previous layout would impede traffic. "It felt like you were working in a box," says Connie.

AFTER: Softening the sharp angles of the old layout by putting the sink on the diagonal and reorienting the island made the new space feel less cramped.

3 sophisticated and refined

Connie Cadwell of Annapolis, Maryland, gave her 153-square-foot kitchen a mini face-lift about 10 years ago. "I changed hardware and painted the cabinets—but it was still ugly," she says. Connie works in real estate, so she knows what she likes in a kitchen. "I wanted something warm and inviting with a Tuscan feel." Enter Mark T. White, CKD, owner and chief designer for Kitchen Encounters, also in Annapolis. "Because this is a condominium, we couldn't remove any walls," says White. "We kept everything in the same location but replaced the kitchen's awkward corner sink with a larger double-bowl sink placed diagonally." Golden-tone granite counters on each side of the sink give Connie an attractive and durable work surface. An appliance garage keeps the counters uncluttered. Connie came up with the colors and design of the backsplash, which consists of a band of decorative cream-colored tiles topped by a field of soft green subway tiles. Behind the cooking area, light green accent tiles on a diagonal with medallions at the corners create an important focal point for the back wall. All of these changes made the second face-lift a big success. "Doing the kitchen over was so worth it," says Connie. ◆

IN THE DETAILS

- **FLOORING** Connie chose a rich Brazilian cherry with a satin sheen finish to warm the floors of the updated kitchen. "It's a dramatic look and a nice contrast for the cabinets," says White. "It makes the kitchen feel more like a finished room."
- **ISLAND** Offering seating for two, the center island provides important workspace without impeding the flow of traffic. It features lots of storage, with both drawers and cabinets. Fluted pilasters on the end add a decorative touch. White built a large oven into the back side of the island to avoid the heavy look of a range on the back wall.
- **WALL COLOR** Connie considered using red for the walls, but decided to go with a green color that better suits her design theme and the tiles of the backsplash. "It's the color of olives and the color of Tuscany," she says. White says it was a nice choice, since the deep green helps the lighter cabinets pop.
- **BELLS & WHISTLES** Connie now enjoys the convenience of a trash kicker, which allows her to slide out her trash can with the touch of her foot. She also has a pedal valve that controls the water running in the sink, to avoid those times when full hands result in wasted energy and water.

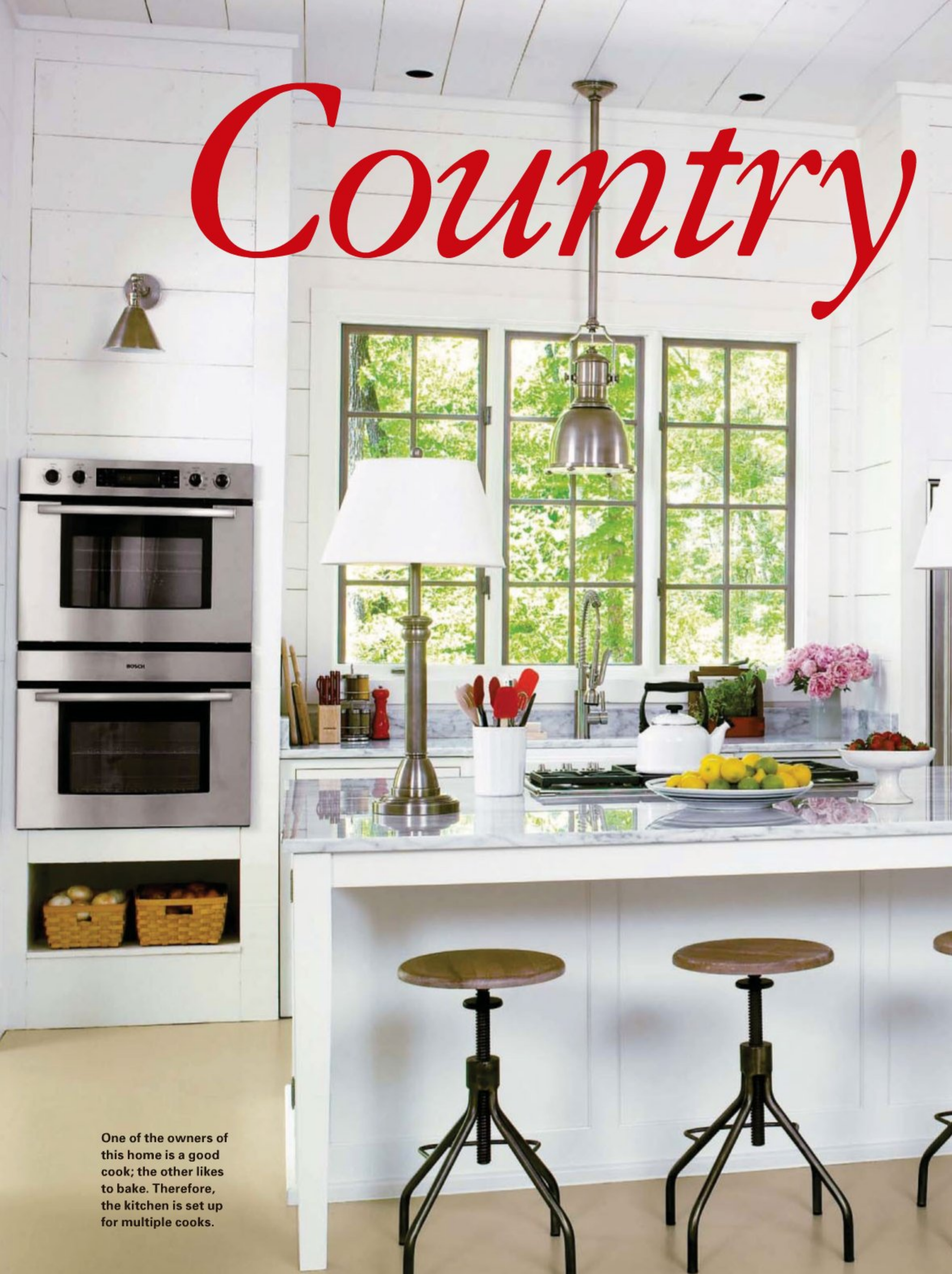

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kitchens



Common materials—wood, metal and stone—combine with a few surprises to make these kitchens simultaneously bold and friendly.

Country



One of the owners of this home is a good cook; the other likes to bake. Therefore, the kitchen is set up for multiple cooks.

Slicker



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rough-hewn materials mix it up with sleek appliances





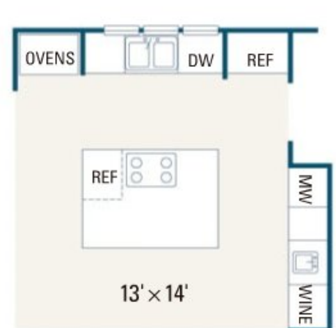
Vacations mean keeping life simple, and that's what kitchen and bath designer Craig Kettles sought to do when he renovated this 1920s Craftsman-style house on Georgia's scenic Lake Rabun in Lakemont.

The kitchen would have many different cooks, because when Kettles and his partner, real estate agent Michael J. McGaughey, are not using it, they rent it out to vacationers. So Kettles, owner of C Designs in Lakemont, designed the kitchen with separate cooking, baking and beverage service zones, assuring everyone could be in the same space without getting in each other's way. "My partner is a great cook," says Kettles, "and I'm a tremendous baker."

To give multiple chefs more than enough room, the kitchen grew to 220 square feet by eliminating an adjoining bedroom. The enlarged space includes a breakfast nook and central island that doubles as a counter-height table.

Apart from the island, everything is tucked into recessed space in the walls to keep traffic flow under control. The rear door moved to the side, and the mudroom/laundry was converted into a pantry com-

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ



FAR LEFT: Whenever the owners are away in summer, they rent out this vacation home. Open shelves in the kitchen make it easy for visitors to casually stash their own belongings.

LEFT: By getting rid of an adjacent bedroom, the kitchen space expanded to incorporate a breakfast nook and an island. The rear door moved to a side wall for better traffic flow.





ZONING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

◆ The kitchen was divided into work zones—cooking, baking and beverage service. An ice maker and wine refrigerator (not pictured) highlight the beverage area (above left), and the main refrigerator is close by.

◆ Around the bend from the beverage zone is the main cooking area (above right). The island cooktop is the heart of this zone.

◆ The beverage area (below) also serves as a handy spot to grab a quick snack or prepare a light breakfast.

◆ They may seem like odd accessories for an island, but a pair of stately lamps, one of which is shown, (right) don't just sit there—they're hardwired in place.





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Wall ovens on one side of the window and a refrigerator on the other give the space a sense of visual symmetry.

plete with a freezer, washer and dryer. A separate butler's pantry, with the kitchen's third sink, resides in space that used to be a hallway.

"The layout is symmetrical because I love balance in the kitchen," says Kettles. He added a trio of windows over the main sink, with double ovens on one side and a refrigerator on the other.

In keeping with the rustic nature of the Lake Rabun area, Kettles chose timeless white cabinets and cool white marble countertops. "Marble stains and scratches," Kettles says, "and some people don't consider it an ideal choice for the kitchen, but the imperfections add character."

The walls are covered in white wide-plank boards, with no wall cabinets to dilute their casual style. A coat of paint renders the oak floor crisp and clean. "I don't like cabinets over the counters because they look boxy," Kettles says. "I love open shelving, especially in a summer rental home, because it's easy for guests to find everything when it's in plain sight—there's no opening and closing all the cabinet doors."

There is one nod to elegance: The pair of lamps on the island that cast a cozy glow over the work space.

Guests dropping by this vacation home can take it easy if they so choose. The kitchen is well equipped to serve just about every need, with a wine cooler, microwave and ice maker to supplement the two ovens and two dishwashers. ◆



The cantilevered end of the mahogany island counter provides visual harmony with the tapered base of the round concrete sink.





A sculptural quality infuses this room, thanks to an inventive palette

kitchen COLLAGE

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STYLED BY AMY GATTIE



Whether a new kitchen should acknowledge an old house's history or be unapologetically modern in outlook is a question every homeowner faces when a renovation is in the works. Quality solutions exist all along that continuum, of course. The owners of this circa-1940s Spanish Mediterranean home in Los Gatos, California, wanted to provide just a hint of the house's original architectural flavor.

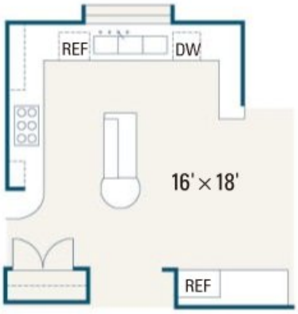
The couple had already begun the renovation when they were introduced to the work of Fu-Tung Cheng, of Cheng Design in Berkeley, California. His earthy yet sophisticated

ABOVE: A copper platform notches into the sink bottom, serving an important practical purpose: It diverts the full force of the water stream, which can damage the concrete surface of the basin over time.

OPPOSITE: In contrast to the open, aggressively angular island, the wall is a Mondrian-esque symphony of rectangles, in varying sizes and colors for a durable aesthetic appeal.







TOP: **Custom range hoods are but one of this designer's trademark elements. This hood packs serious power and sits in a housing that adds to the room's overall appeal.**

ABOVE: **In what is basically an augmented U-shape, the island provides a visual link between the kitchen and an adjacent hallway.**

style seemed to pair well with the house, so they hired him to take the room in a different direction. The wife "wanted it to be modern, but not slick" or trendy, Cheng says. "I was trying to thread the needle between rustic and modern."

With its stucco cladding and tile roof, the house has a feeling of heft. Cheng echoed that solid, substantial look in the kitchen but balanced it with an airy contemporary sense. He did that by creating a sculptural work island that is practical and gives the room some dimension.

The island, which forms a hub between the kitchen and an adjacent hallway, combines heavy and seemingly weightless components. Its large circular concrete sink base anchors the space, evoking the house's heavy exterior, and a wedge-shaped hot-rolled steel pullout receives compost scraps. Cantilevered over the sink is a lithe work top made of sustainably harvested mahogany with bamboo drawers. Below, a street-grate-inspired, cast-iron shelf is a nod to the wrought iron detailing common in Spanish Mediterranean homes.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ





A second sink is part of an integrated stainless steel countertop. The material coordinates with the oven, and the shape contributes to the walls' rectangle motif. With all that, the whole setup functions as an additional work station.





CLEAN DETAILS

- ◆ The corner of the island (above) ties together three primary visual elements of the kitchen: mahogany, concrete and bamboo.
- ◆ A mosaic inlay into a corner of the concrete countertop (right) echoes a similar treatment near the exterior of the home's front door.
- ◆ The slate-tile backsplash (below) blends in beautifully with the green-tinted countertop. Wall-mounted glass shelves provide this area with valuable storage.
- ◆ The pantry (below right) sits behind understated doors, each adorned with equally no-nonsense pulls.









SHUT AND OPEN

A sleek, contoured rod along a wedge of hot-rolled steel (above) indicates something may be hiding amid the giant flower pot of a sink. A pull on the rod reveals a place to toss food scraps for composting.



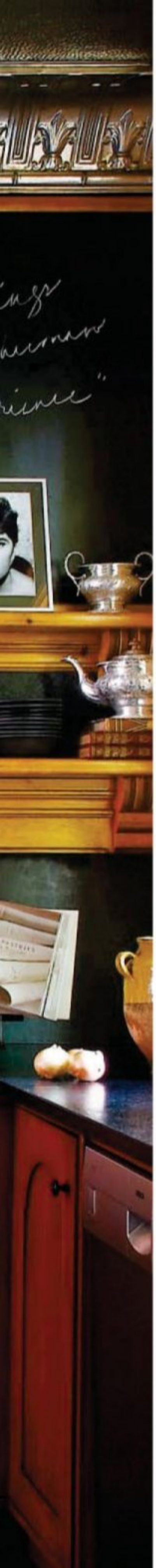
ABOVE: Mixing the direction of door grains provides subtle visual interest in this relatively sedate refrigerator area.

Rough-hewn materials and smooth, reflective surfaces commingle throughout the rest of the kitchen, too. The island's circular shape repeats itself on an opposite celadon-colored concrete countertop that gracefully rounds the bend into the dining room.

Behind the range, a slate tile backsplash is a foil for the floating steel shelves and the stainless steel countertop running across the sink area. "The owners wanted something that felt rich but that wasn't dated-looking," Cheng says. "Something with mass to suggest a Mediterranean style, while avoiding the kind of builder approach that is too formulaic. The concrete and wrought iron, along with the hand-troweled plaster walls and hood cover, speak to the thickness and realness of an authentic place, but are done in this new way." ◆

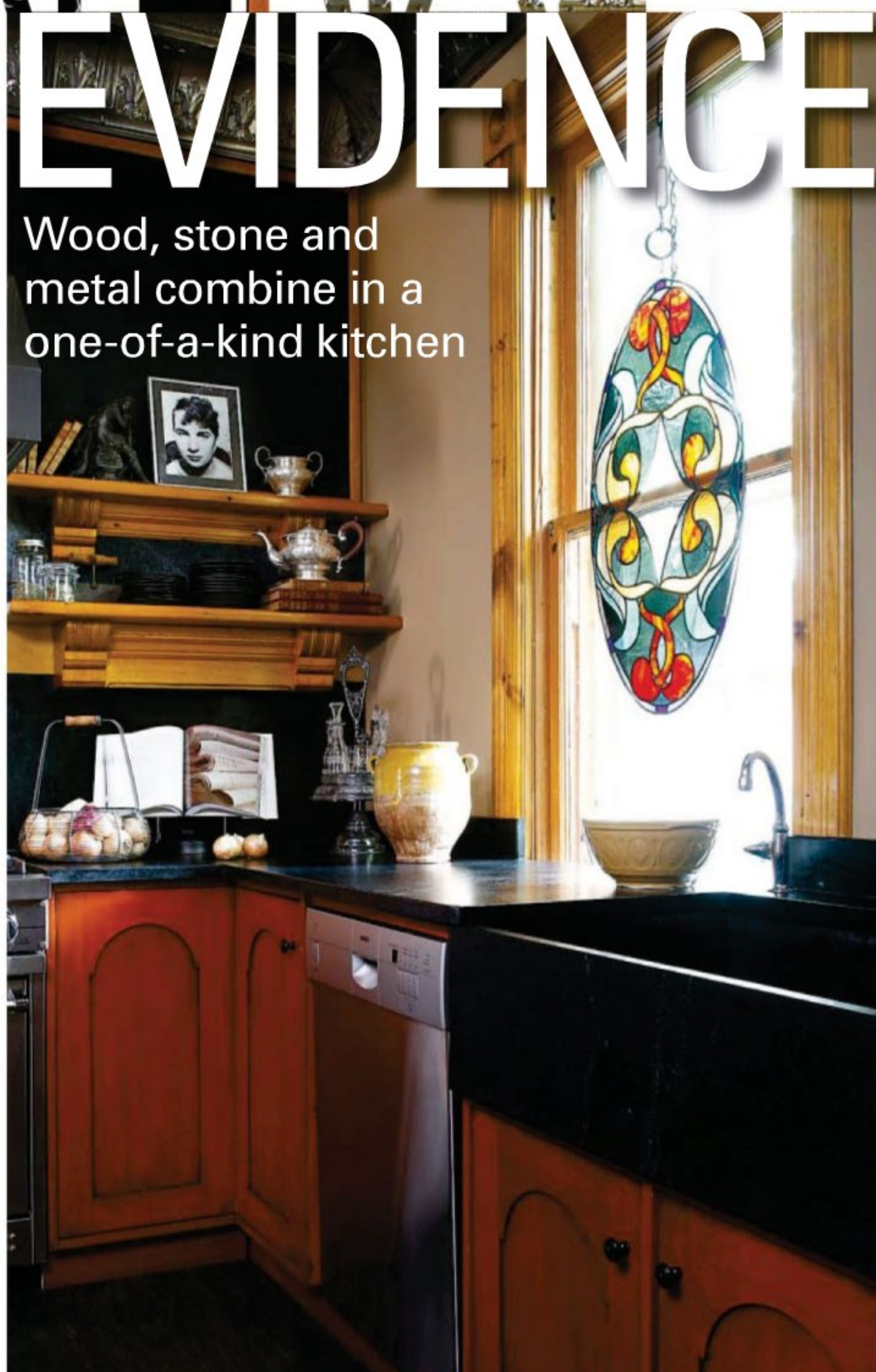
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MATERIAL EVIDENCE

Wood, stone and metal combine in a one-of-a-kind kitchen



RIGHT: The farmhouse sink is made of soapstone, a material that continues on the countertops.

OPPOSITE: The chalkboards over the stove are primarily for looks, although the homeowner does write on them.

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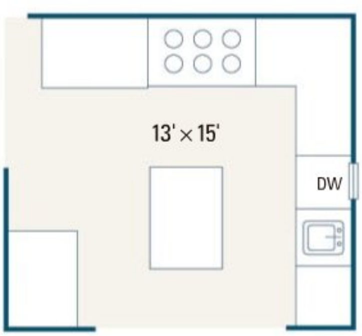

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OPPOSITE: Butcher-block provides a knife-friendly surface atop the freestanding work table. This custom-made furniture piece, though new, looks as though it were a century old.

RIGHT: Open shelves—rather elegant ones, at that—supplant wall cabinets. With no doors to constantly open and close, these shelves provide efficient access to oft-used items.

BELOW: The sink sits along a wall where one of two doors that led outside was bricked up. A wall that leads to the pantry and laundry area was removed.





To make the kitchen of a turn-of-the-20th-century cottage fit for the 21st century, a Canadian couple came up with an unusual mix of new and old ideas.

"We collect antiques, and we wanted to balance the old-time feel with more contemporary needs," says Laurie Schnarr, who shares the kitchen with her husband, Alan Walters, and their 14-year-old son, Jacob. "We wanted to replicate the feel of the rest of our house, which was built in 1905."

The 168-square-foot space in the Guelph, Ontario, home was chopped up by five doors. To make it more efficient, one of the two doors leading outside was bricked up, and the sink was placed on that wall. The door to a dining room was widened to 6 feet to create an arched entry, and the wall that led to an anteroom was removed to open up the pantry/laundry room, where china, glassware, pots, pans and cleaning supplies are stored.

Dramatic open shelving, which replicates the woodwork in the rest of the house, makes the space elegant and easy to use. "Alan's from

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

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A high-arc, restaurant-style faucet adds both vintage styling and a powerful spray for cleaning pots.



The design of the pantry cabinet was inspired by a circa-1865 armoire the homeowners spotted online.

England, where they don't use upper cabinetry," Laurie says. "We cook a lot, and we don't want to be reaching up and opening doors all the time."

Flexibility, also a prime consideration, led the couple to create a vintage-style central island with a soapstone top. This movable piece can also be used as a dining table. The butcher-block-topped work table, conveniently placed next to the stove, is another custom piece that looks as though it were built a century ago. It, too, is freestanding.

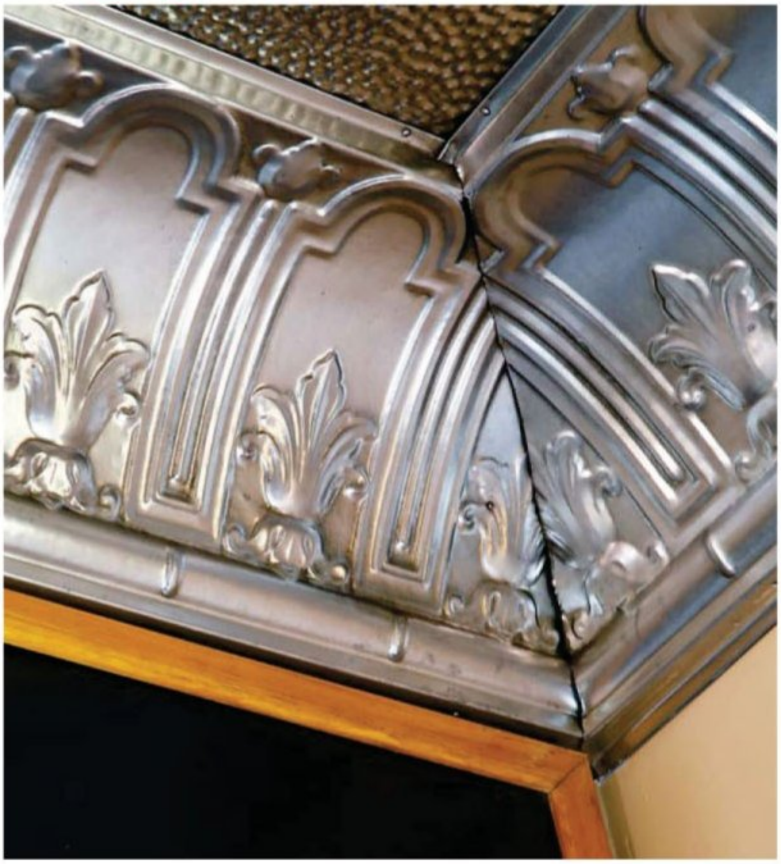
"We liked the idea of using natural materials," Laurie says. "Soapstone, which we also used for the farmhouse-style sink and countertops, is easy to care for. I love the fact that I can take a hot pot and put it on the counter without worry. We chose linoleum, another natural product, for the floor."

Old and new mix tastefully and deliciously. The design for the pantry, for example, came from a circa-1865 armoire that they found online. And the blackboard backsplash, crowned by an intricate tin ceiling, is an artful background for the stainless steel, double-oven range and its matching hood. "I've always loved blackboards," Laurie says. "In this use, they are mainly aesthetic, although I do write messages on them."

The ideas for the new kitchen simmered for a long time, and the design still isn't complete: The old fridge is being stored in the basement until the couple finds the right one for the design.

In the meantime, the whole family is putting the kitchen to work cooking up some good times. "I was out of town recently, and when I came back, my son had made me some lemon squares," a happy Laurie says.

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MATERIAL MATTERS

◆ "My husband, Alan, designed the tin ceiling (above)," says homeowner Laurie Schnarr. "He visited the supplier many times, choosing various combinations of tin panels until he settled upon the current combo. He mapped it out for the contractors, and they installed it."

◆ Between the counter and the wall-mounted blackboards is a backsplash made of soapstone (above right), the same material used on some of the countertops. Here, the soapstone backsplash is juxtaposed with a butcher-block tabletop.

◆ The wood shelves (right and opposite) fill two purposes equally well: They keep dishes handy at all times, and they provide spots to display collectibles. The look of the shelves was inspired by window frames elsewhere in the home. "It was important to us to accentuate some of the home's most outstanding features in the kitchen," Schnarr says. "Originally, I wanted soapstone shelves, but I am really glad I opted for this approach. It warms the kitchen considerably and carries the heavy emphasis on wood into the space." ◆





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RIGHT: The crisscross-paneled door of the walnut vanity echoes the diagonally laid ceramic tile on the floor.

OPPOSITE: With insufficient room for a separate tub and shower, the designer decided to put the tub in the shower space.

WRITTEN BY CARLA JORDAN
PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID DUNCAN LIVINGSTON

Michelle and Brian White's bathroom was a tight squeeze. The outdated split space consisted of two tiny, jam-packed rooms, making it rather confining. "One room, which made you feel like you were in a very small closet, housed the toilet only. The other was stuffed with a sink, cabinet and tub with a bulky metal shower curtain rod that swung around it," Michelle says. "Worse still, the tub and sink were mauvish beige and the floor linoleum gray. Yikes! It was the worst."

When the Whites remodeled their entire San Francisco home, the master bath was the top priority. With the space totally gutted, designer Tineke Triggs, of Artistic Designs for Living in San Francisco, had a blank canvas. What she didn't have was a lot of space to work with. Although the house had grown to accommodate this master suite, its bath area was just 8×16 feet. Triggs quickly zeroed in on her primary challenge: delivering, within the long and narrow

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We could barely fit one, much less two, people in our previous bathroom.

ABOVE LEFT: Wainscots are typical of Edwardian homes, but the treatment in this bath gets a contemporary spin from a mix of tiles.

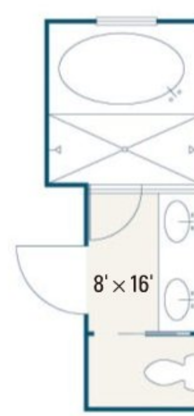
OPPOSITE: Diverse materials and shapes provide visual interest, as vertical mirrors and hanging lights keep the eye traveling upward.

footprint, the Whites' three must-haves: double sinks, a large bathtub and a walk-in shower. "Because the room wasn't wide enough to install the tub and shower separately, we came up with the idea of placing the tub inside the shower space," Triggs says. "This design tweak gave us the best of both worlds. The bathing suite feels spacious, yet there's enough open space remaining to accommodate the double sink and vanity."

To reinforce the illusion of space, Triggs drew the eye upward with tile that spans from the floor to the beefy crown molding on the ceiling. Glass partitions seemingly fade into the background, protecting the grooming area from water spray without chopping up the room. Recessed lighting keeps walls and ceiling uncluttered and can be redirected for soft or focused light.

Clean-lined furnishings provide both practical and aesthetic benefits. Subway, marble, mosaic and wainscot-style tiles infuse the room with a mix of shapes, plus they resist mold and mildew, making cleanup quick and easy. "The wainscot tile works on multiple design levels," Triggs says. Edwardian homes such as this one often include a wainscot, "but because we've done it with tile instead of wood, it feels more contemporary and is more in keeping with the owners' taste." The rain-blue color of the tile gives the room spalike calm.

Where it was formerly too close for comfort, this master bath now lives large, and that's how the Whites like it. "We could barely fit one, much less two, people in our previous bathroom," Brian says. "Now, it's a nonstressful, spacious splash zone that our kids love so much they don't even bother to use their own bathroom. We all love this room." ◆



ABOVE: This modest-size room satisfies the owners' demands: a big tub, walk-in shower and double vanities.

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Clean, contemporary lines merge with understated classic elements to create a winning retropolitan master suite.



Past Presence

Touches of texture give a retro bath new sophistication

WRITTEN NANCY A. RUHLING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAULA ILLINGWORTH
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When it came time to remodel, the owners of this late 1920s Georgian-style house in Charlotte, North Carolina, wanted a spacious spa for their master bath. So they reworked two tiny baths, along with a warren of seven closets in two connecting hallways, into a single, more cohesive space.

"My husband and I wanted a twist on tradition, and we tried to capture something that would grow old gracefully," the wife says, adding that the room had to be big because the couple's five children were sure to want to use it, too. "Now the room has a modern look that's clean and simple."

In the newly configured 112-square-foot space, architect Ken Pursley, of Pursley Architecture, in Charlotte, created room for a vintage-style cast-iron soaking tub, a double vanity, a pair of recessed, mirrored medicine chests and a private shower/toilet area. In the two hallways that connect the master bedroom to the master bath, he added his-and-hers walk-in closets.



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GREAT TASTES TOGETHER

Retro and modern commingle with the greatest of ease, thanks to these flourishes:

◆ The tub faucet and hand-shower combo (top left) imparts an old-fashioned look, and plays well with other design themes.

◆ As a twist on traditional decor, the beaded wainscot panels were installed on the horizontal (top right).

◆ The tempered-glass door of this inset cabinet (left) blends in with the calm, neutral color scheme.

◆ A wall-mounted faucet with cross handles (above) evokes a bygone time, but is also elegant and sophisticated.



Doors of sandblasted glass lead to the toilet and shower areas. Light from outside the room makes it all the way to the shower area via the transom windows over the entry door.

The remodel fits the home, Pursley says. "We went for the gentrified farmhouse look to create a serene space that could serve as a retreat."

Interior designer Julie Beall, ASID, also of Pursley Architecture, grounded the bath in the past with a basket-weave white marble floor and a double vanity made of antique oak topped by soapstone. Pursley brought in a nod to modernity by adding extra-wide beadboard wainscoting on the horizontal instead of the traditional vertical, and by linking the shower and toilet with a space-saving wall of sandblasted glass.

"The biggest challenge was installing that glass partition," says Tyler Mahan, vice president of production for Charlotte-based Hubert Whitlock Builders. "We had to do things out of sequence. To make it work, we had to install it before we put in the tile and plumbing."

Transoms over the entry doors hark back to the past and bring light to the modern sandblasted shower-area glass doors. Colors, too, were kept light, bright and neutral to enhance the space's timeless appeal.

"We chose a wall color you can't peg," Pursley says. "It's a mossy gray with a hint of green-brown gray. Cool palettes are more soothing. The soapstone countertops are cool gray and the sandblasted glass is a cool green-blue, like water."

The space is so soothing that the wife likes to soak her cares away as she watches the setting sun—when the kids haven't called dibs on the tub, that is.

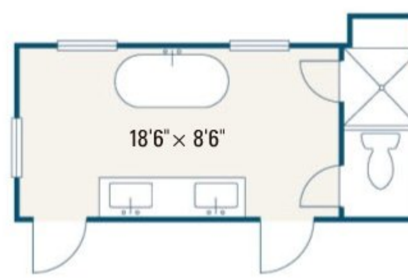
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FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

"We went for the farmhouse look… a serene space that could serve as a retreat."



ABOVE: The newly minted, 112-square-foot space is an amalgam of what used to be two small his-and-hers baths and a carload of closets from two hallways.

LEFT: An expansive vanity with two sinks and mirrored medicine cabinets offer ample maneuvering room and storage space for two people to negotiate their morning routines simultaneously. ◆

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WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHELLE LEE WILSON

THE *well balanced* BATH

storage and style meet in this serene space

How do you make one small bath large enough for a mother and two teenagers? Singer Linda Ronstadt made the 65-square-foot space in her San Francisco flat ship-shape by putting everything in its proper place and making every inch do double duty.

"We outfitted it like a boat," she says. "I have a bench, for instance, that I sit on to put on my clothes, but it doubles as a clothes hamper. And there are all these little built-ins because I don't like to have anything on the counters. It shows that you can have a small space that's just as good as a large one as long as you have efficiency."

Architect David S. Gast, of San Francisco–based Gast Architects, his designer, Jessica Allee, and interior designer Kate Disston, of Berkeley-based Kathleen Rose Disston, planned the room around a spectacular soaking tub that Ronstadt found and a vintage vanity design she clipped from a magazine.

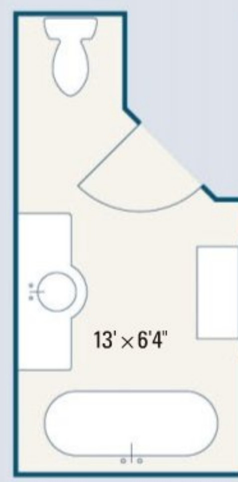
"Storage is the real story," says Allee. "The vanity alone has eight drawers on the bottom and six on the top, and there's more storage over the toilet in addition to a recessed medicine cabinet."

White subway tiles and white Carrara marble on the floor and vanity counter-

Construction work uncovered a window on the wall behind the tub. Alas, the view was of a brick wall, so a framed mirror now inhabits that spot.



> There are these little built-ins because I don't like to have things on the counters.



top, along with vintage-style polished nickel faucets and towel bars and glass drawer pulls and handles, were selected to synchronize the space with the architecture of the 1913 home. "It's a feminine but classic look," says Disston. "Everything goes together; it's not an eclectic look."

One of the more stunning and dramatic historical details is the tile frame around the mirror over the tub. "This is an idea I got from the 1920s," Ronstadt says. "All design has to be rooted in tradition and then expanded."

Ronstadt may not have the space all to herself, but she does make sure she takes time for herself. Every night, she lights unscented beeswax candles, fills the tub with essential oils—lavender with grapefruit or with rose geranium are favorite combinations—and relaxes in the calming shoulder-height waters. "Sometimes I see the moon through the skylight," she says, adding that she uses fresh-cut flowers, especially purple irises, to perfume the air. "The bath looks fairylike and twinkly. I like glimmer better than glitz and shimmer, not shine."

And just for the record, she doesn't sing in the tub or even listen to music. Instead, she prefers the sounds of silence. ◆

ABOVE LEFT: Storage everywhere keeps the room tidy and efficient. There's even a cabinet over the toilet. The old walls of the toilet compartment came down in order to make one big space.

ABOVE: The resourceful distribution of storage helped clear sufficient room to accommodate a relaxing soaking tub.

OPPOSITE: Rich in practical benefits, the white vanity and inset wall cabinet also set a relaxing visual tone. Carrara marble counters and floor tiles add to the soothing vibe.

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look good vs. cook good

Our quiz will help you determine whether your new kitchen should stress form, function or both

Do you need a powerful kitchen worthy of a restaurant chef? Or do you just want one that looks that way? Your approach to many of life's issues might have an impact on the way your kitchen looks and works. This light-hearted survey, the result of no scientific research whatsoever, may help point you down the remodeling path that's right for you. For each question, choose the response that most closely matches your feelings.

1. The best place and time to buy peaches is:

a) At the local supermarket, when they're on sale.
b) At the local farmers' market, in or around August.
c) Wherever peaches are sold, when I feel like eating them.

2. Your car is getting a little dusty. Your response is:

a) "I have a coupon for the car wash."
b) "I'll do it myself this weekend."
c) "Must. Clean. Car. NOW!"

3. An evening of quality television typically includes:

a) A taut drama, preferably with "CSI" in the title.
b) News or educational shows.
c) A quality TV set.

4. You buy a cell phone based on:

a) Ease of making actual phone calls.
b) The reputation of the manufacturer and service provider.
c) Whether it has the word "iPhone" on the back.

5. A good set of household bookshelves should be:

a) Tall enough to handle books, family photos and knickknacks.
b) Sturdy enough for lots of books.
c) Made of the finest oak.

6. The books on your shelves are:

a) Mostly best-sellers.
b) Mostly cookbooks.
c) Mostly classics you've never read.

7. The highlight of a vacation overseas would be:

a) Soaking in the local scenery.
b) Sampling the local cuisine.
c) Having your picture taken while eating and sightseeing.

8. If you could, you would dedicate an entire room in your home to your collection of:

a) Family keepsakes.
b) TV- or movie-related memorabilia.
c) Vintage motorcycles.

9. If you know a "Jeopardy!" answer that all the contestants miss, your response is:

a) "I can't believe I got that right!"
b) "Hey, all those college classes sure came in handy."
c) "All that money is rightfully mine."

10. You admit it. You spend way too much time on the computer:

a) Playing games.
b) Surfing the Web.
c) Adding features that make it more awesome.

Score 2 points for each "a" response, 1 point for each "b," and 0 for each "c." If you scored 15 points or higher, guess what? You're normal! You want a nice kitchen that can handle modest cooking, but you won't blow your budget on it. If you scored from 7 to 14 points, you probably take your cooking more seriously. You would prefer a hard-working kitchen, with powerful appliances and plenty of storage for all your gear. If your score is 7 or lower, you will likely want a kitchen that will blow visitors away at first glance, even if you don't plan to cook in it all that much. ◆



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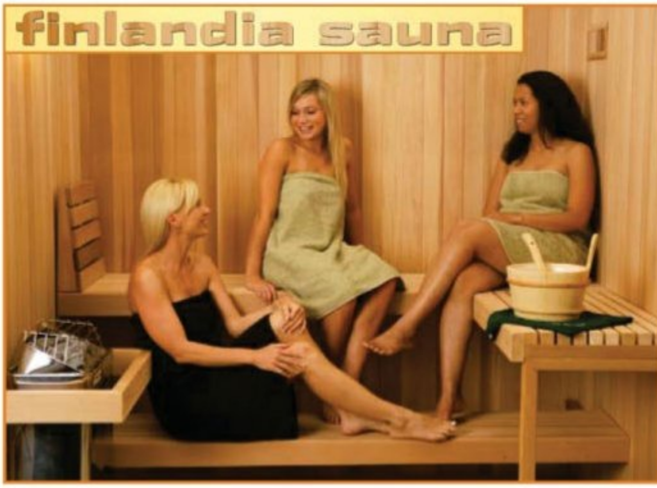
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